

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 846

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to commend Louise Crowe for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Louise Crowe is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, though nearly ninety years old, this Morgan County "Super Senior" has committed a good portion of her life to serving others and has continued that service in spite of her age; and

WHEREAS, born on April 8, 1920, to Robert and Maggie McGlothin Walls, Mrs. Crowe has lived in different places but has always called Coalfield and Morgan County home; and

WHEREAS, a 1939 graduate of Coalfield School, Mrs. Crowe married Kenneth Scarbrough on December 18, 1948; this couple was blessed with four children, Eddie Walls, Margret Morgan, Steve Scarbrough, and Joel Scarbrough, as well as eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-four years of marital bliss, Mr. Scarbrough died in 1981; Mrs. Crowe was fortunate to share love and companionship with Abe Crowe during their marriage from 1986 until his death in 1987; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary career, Mrs. Crowe has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Louise Crowe has held several different positions, including a job at Y-12 during World War II in the building where the material for the Hiroshima bomb was

manufactured; for her work, she earned a certificate from the U.S. War Department signed by the Secretary of War; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a crane operator in Alcoa, an ice cream factory worker in Ohio, and a substitute cook in Coalfield School; when her children were small, she kept others' children in her home as well; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowe has participated in a number of volunteer activities, including service as a Coalfield elected official since she was twenty-one; a member of the Library Board for Coalfield and Wartburg; a member of Coalfield Senior Citizens for thirty-five years and its President for twelve years; a member of the Coalfield Alumni Association; a member of the Coalfield Genealogical Society; and the Director of Davis Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout woman of faith, Mrs. Crowe is a member of Middle Creek Church, for which she has served as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and GA girls' leader; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowe has also been an avid traveler to destinations all over the United States, including Hawaii, New England, and Colorado; she has also visited Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowe's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowe is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Louise Crowe is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Louise Crowe for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.